

Claims

- [c1] 1. A touchpad network comprising:
- (a) a plurality of touchpads;
 - (b) a method for networking said touchpads to perform as a single larger touchpad.
- [c2] 2. A touchpad, coupled to a computer and display screen, comprising:
- (a) a first input controlling mode, said first controlling mode dictates cursor movement on said display screen via a dragging motion across the surface of said touchpad;
 - (b) a second input controlling mode, said second controlling mode assigns specific input functions to specific locations on said touchpad;
- where said specific input functions are initiated by tapping said specific location on said touchpad, and said tapping action and said corresponding specific input functions do not interfere with the input of said dragging motion and said corresponding cursor movement, and said dragging motion and said corresponding cursor movement does not interfere with said tapping action and said corresponding specific input functions.
- [c3] 3. A human computer keyboard interface device combined with the touchpad network of claim 1, comprising:
- (a) a plurality of keyboard keys, a portion of said keyboard keys coupled to a touchpad, said touchpad being the top surface of said keys;
 - (b) a method indicating to a computer and display screen a distinguishable difference in user patterns for keyboarding input and cursor input such that said keyboarding input does not interfere with said cursor input and said cursor input does not interfere with said keyboarding input.
- [c4] 4. A human computer keyboard interface device combined with the touchpad network of claim 1, comprising:
- (a) a plurality of keyboard keys, each of said keyboard keys coupled to a touchpad, said touchpad being the top surface of said keys;
 - (b) a method indicating to a computer and display screen a distinguishable difference in user patterns for keyboarding input and cursor input such that

said keyboarding input does not interfere with said cursor input and said cursor input does not interfere with said keyboarding input.

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5. A touchpad interface device, as in claim 2, where said second input controlling modes' said specific input functions are those of a typing keyboard functions and comprising:

(a) a plurality of keyboard key outlines, each of said keyboard keys outlines located on the surface of said touchpad interface device, and said tapping action within said outlines equates the function of the corresponding keyboard key input;

(b) a method indicating to said computer and display screen a distinguishable difference in user patterns for keyboarding input and cursor input such that said keyboarding input does not interfere with said cursor input and said cursor input does not interfere with said keyboarding input.